State Agriculture Ministers Conference at Delhi on National Agriculture Policy

4426. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the deliberations at the State Agriculture Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi on 19th February, 1997 Government have since finalised the contemplated National Agriculture Policy;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) The Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution prepared by the Government is under finalisation keeping in view the suggestions made in State Agriculture ministers' Conference held in New Delhi on 19th February, 1997.

News-item captioned "Agriculture a neglected field, says C.I.I."

4427. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem, captioned, "Agriculture a neglected field, says C.I.I." Published in 'The Statesman', dated April 24, 1997; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to infuse technological dynamism in the agricultural sector to alleviate stagnation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Strengthening of agricultural research and transfer of new technology to farm level are the major components of the strategy of agricultural development in the country.

261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been established by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) in 253 districts in the country with an objective of testing and transfer of agricultural technology through vocational training to farmers & farm women, on farm testing, frontline demonstrations and in-service training to extension functionaries. Besides this the ICAR has also launched an innovative project on Technology Assessment & refinement through Institution Village Linkage Programme (IVLP) in the year 1995 on Pilot basis in 42 selected centres in the country. Extension services in major States and trainig infrastructure have been strengthened with World Bank assistance under the National Agricultural Extension Project (NAEP). Information communication support for dissomination of improved farm technology is also provided through farm fairs fields days, screening of films, holding exhibitions and through print/mass media.

भारतीय जल विभाजक और कृषि प्रबंधन केन्द्र की स्थापना हेतु मध्य प्रदेश का प्रस्ताव

4428. **श्री राघव जी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने भारतीय जल विभाजक और कृषि प्रबंधन केन्द्र (इंडियन मैनेजमेंट सैंटर फार वाटरशेड एंड फार्मिंग) की स्थापना हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार को भेजा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रस्ताव को कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान की जाएगी; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से भारतीय जल विभाजक और कृषि प्रबंधन केन्द्र (इंडियन मैनेजमेंट फार वाटरशेड एंड फार्मिंग) की स्थापना हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव